

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Hooper ¹ W7813 Sarah Hooper f82SC/GA

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State of North Carolina, County of Haywood

On the first day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Haywood aforesaid it being a court of record now sitting, Absolem Hooper of said County aged Sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832--

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776, with Captain Richard Dogged [sic, probably Captain Richard Doggett]²----- and served in the South South [sic] Carolina regiment under the following named officers Colonel William Henderson Commandant, Major ___ Brown, Captain Richard Doggett & Lieutenant Jesse Baker³ he enlisted during the war and was discharged by Captain Jesse Baker (who was promoted after the death of Capt Doggett who was killed in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]) near Columbia South Carolina as he believes in the year 1783 he was born and lived at the time of his enlistment on the main Broad River, South Carolina near the mouth of Green River, but owing to his entering the service at between twelve & thirteen years of age he does not recollect the name of the County or district, he ran away from his mother who was a widow and an adherent of the Tories and enlisted in the city of Charleston, South Carolina and received a Bounty of thirty dollars in Continental money & was to receive five Dollars per month pay & a bounty of Six hundred & forty acres of land at the end of the war he has never received his pay or land & has never parted with his right by contract or otherwise, he was in Sullivan's Island under the command of Genl Howe [Robert Howe of NC] & in the engagement [Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776] when it was attacked by the British forces under the command of Sir Henry Clinton, from Charleston he was marched under the command of Genl Howe in to Florida against the British post on little St. Mary's which was evacuated by then on the approach of the American forces after which the army returned to Charleston about the time the British took Savannah. Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] took the command, he was marched under him to Purysburg in South Carolina above Savannah & after Nashes defeat [sic, John Ashe's defeat] at Brier Creek [sic, Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] he was marched up to August Ga. & crossed the river into Georgia about that time the enemy crossed Savannah River at Jubley's [?] ferry & marched in the direction for Charleston

¹ BLWt19510-160-55

² [Richard Doggett BLWt1983-300](#)

³ [Churchill Jones BLWt304-300](#)

and the war moved down the river & crossed it at a place called the three Sisters [ferry] & pursued them when the Americans arrived at Bacon's Bridge on the Edisto River they found that they had fortified and Built Stono fort this declarant was in the attack on that fort under the said Col Henderson in the regiment called the new infantry, from that place the British retired into Beaufort Island & the American forces marched to Seldon [?] Bull's opposite to the Island where they remained some time from thence the American army marched by way of Purysburg, Jubley's ferry &c to the Siege of Savannah at the time it was besieged by the French Genl De Estraing [d'Estaing] & the American forces, in that Siege this declarant was wounded in the right arm by a musket, that after that battle the Americans returned to Charleston where they remained until the town was besieged by Sir Henry Clinton & Lord Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] when this declarant was again wounded by a musket that in the left thigh and taken prisoner [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] & kept confined in the Hospital for five months a close prisoner as soon as he felt sufficiently recovered and an opportunity offered he escaped leaving his company prisoners of War with the British in Charleston and fled to the frontier of Georgia to an uncle & was there taken by the Tories and confined five days and released after being tried by a Tory Court Martial. Shortly after which he heard of Col Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] of Georgia Militia & his regiment being on its march to Augusta, that regiment he joined and was enrolled in Captain Daniel Runnold's [sic, Daniel Reynolds'] Company and marched with it to that place where they took Brown and Greysons [sic, Grierson's] forts and their Garrisons [Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781], from that place he was marched with Clarke's regiment to Freeman's [?] Station on the frontier of Georgia, after remaining there a short time he together with said regiment was marched to Big Briar Creek to dislodge a party of Tories, after performing that Service the Regiment returned to Freeman's Station not long after said Regiment moved into South Carolina and joined the troops under the Command of Genl Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and under his command they united forces of Pickens and Clarke attacked a party of the enemy composed of British & Tories Lying on Little River, South Carolina who were commanded as he now thinks by Lord Rawdon where there was a skirmish between the advance parties of the two armies & the British retreated to Ninety Six, Clarke's Regiment in which he was returned to Freemans Station not long after he with said Regiment was marched to the last siege of Savannah where Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne] Commanded, after the enemy left that coast he was marched back in Clarke's regiment to Freeman's Station & shortly after he in said regiment went an expedition against the Cherokee Indians and after their being defeated in a battle at the Long Swamp on the Highlowa [sic, Hiwassee?] River in said Nation the Regiment again returned to Freeman's Station, not long after which Peace was declared & he was discharged as before stated, his not joining his regiment after his escape was owing to its being removed to the East after being exchanged from Charleston

His discharge together with the certificate of Sergeant John Byrd as to his service he laid before the legislature of South Carolina for the purpose of obtaining a pension from that State & has drawn annually since the year 1820 Sixty Dollars as a pension from said State up to the meeting of the last legislature when he was informed by the Comptroller of the Treasury of that State that he would not be allowed to draw any further & that he must apply to the United States upon this information he applied to said Comptroller for his discharge and the certificated of Sergeant Byrd and was told by him that he could not have them but that they must remain in the office there which is the reason said discharge & certificate are not transmitted with this declaration he further states that he is entirely illiterate and being very young when he enlisted that he cannot recollect dates so as to state them with greater certainty than he has and he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a person or an annuity except the present and he declares that

his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State except on that of the agency for the State of South Carolina as herein before stated.

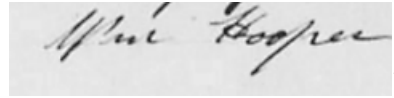
Sworn to and Subscribed this day and year aforesaid,

S/ Absolem Hooper, X his mark

[p 16: On February 14, 1846, Sarah Hooper applied for a widow's pension in Haywood County, NC stating that she is 82 years old, the widow of Absalom Hooper; that they were married in Elbert County, Ga. In September 1788; that her husband died in Haywood County, NC on December 9th 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 51: On October 27th 1848, James Hooper, eldest son of Absalom and Sarah gave an affidavit in Haywood County, NC, in support of his mother's application; that he is by common repute about 59 years of age. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 22: On February 9, 1851 in Haywood County North Carolina, William Hooper gave testimony that he is the lawful child of Absalom in Sarah Hooper; that he is aged 45 years; that his parents had 10 children who were born prior to the affiant and whose names are James, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Andrew, Mary, Nancy, Margaret, Absalom, Cassy & Enos.



[p 6: On December 8th, 1852 in Haywood County North Carolina, Sarah Hooper, aged about 86, renewed her application for a widow's pension as the widow of Absalom Hooper; in this document she states that the family record in which was recorded the date of her marriage together with the dates of the births of her children was destroyed several years ago by one of her small grandchildren; that she had 12 children by her husband; that her oldest child is James Hooper who as best she can recollect is about 68 or 69 years old; that their next oldest child is Elizabeth Moss who if living is about 66 years old; that she and her husband rode about 25 miles to the house of an uncle in order to obtain the services of a preacher by the name of Mackey to perform the marriage ceremony. She signed this document with her mark.

[p 31: On December 8th 1852, Clemmons Hooper, brother of Absalom Hooper, gave an affidavit in support of Sarah's application stating that Absalom and Sarah were married on Pistol Creek in Georgia. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[On May 8, 1855, Sarah Hooper applied in Jackson County, NC for a bounty land grant stating that she is the widow of Absalom Hooper deceased; that her maiden name was Salers [sic, Sellers?; in another application, her maiden name is spelled Silers]; that her husband died; that she has not previously applied for a bounty land grant; and that she is the identical Sarah Hooper who was granted a widow's pension under the act of February 2, 1848 of \$80 per annum.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina –
The Petition of Absalom Hooper Sheweth

That your petitioner is a Revolutionary soldier old infirm & wounded having spent the best days of his youth in the arduous Struggle for independence now comes before your Honorable body to ask a Small remuneration to render comfortable the few remaining years of his life. Your petitioner is well aware that petition upon petition have been laid before you by persons claiming great rewards for unimportant Services as every man rates his own Sufferings & Services at an exaggerated rate, but your petitioner will be able to Substantiate with the most indubitable Vouchers the truth of his assertions that he is entitled to considerable arrears of pay and bounty land from the State of South Carolina.

Your petitioner rest with the most entire confidence on the Justice & liberality of your Honorable body and as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Absolem Hooper, X his mark

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State of South Carolina
Pendleton District }

This is to all to whom it may Concern We the Under named Do hereby certify that Absalum Hooper Did reside here in this settlement about 25 years and always supported the character of and Industrious Honest Inoffensive & a good Man in this Neighborhood and we wish you to receive him as such –

NB If I Mistake not the date it was in the year 1800 I happened at Mr. Hooper's and in conversation heard Colonel Lemair of Charleston State that Mr. Hooper was a Brother Soldier with him at Charleston when it was taken in the Revolutionary war this I Certify Upon honor this 18 November 1818

Benj. Chastain [Benjamin Chastain]

John D. Roberts

H. Battle Capt

John Chastain

Lieutenant Robert [illegible]

James Allen

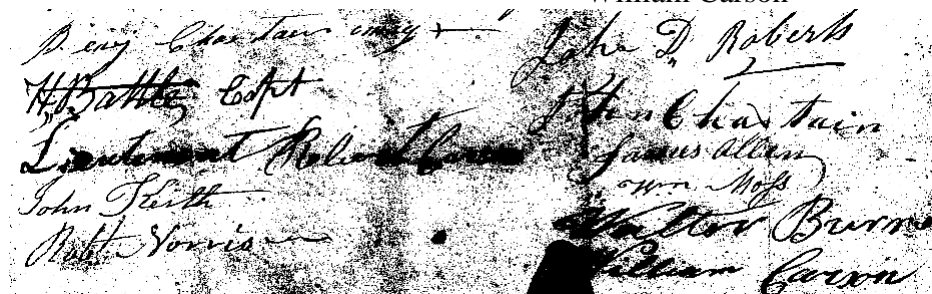
John Keith

Wm Moss [William Moss]

Robt Norris [Robert Norris]

Walter Burriss

William Carson



⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[p 7: heavily edited for spelling]

Georgia Hall County} This Day Personally came John Hamleton [sic] Before me a magistrate for said County and of ter [?] Being duly Sworn maketh oath and saith on oath That he knew Absalam Hoopir [sic] to Serve in the old Revolution as a Regular Soldier under Captain Richard dodged in the 6th South Carolina Regiment under Colonel William Henderson Commander Sworn to and Subscribed this the 23rd day of October 1819

S/Charles Hulsey, JP

S/ Absalam Hooper, X his mark

S/ John Hamilton, X his mark

Absolom Hooper age 55

The said Absalam Hooper Makes oath that he Served Three years in the Regular Service under the said Capt. Doged in the 6th Regiment Colonel William Henderson Commander and that he was taken at the fall of Charleston and fimely [sic ?]⁵ wounded Sworn to before me this 23rd of October 1819

S/ Charles Hulsey, JP

S/ AbSalam Hooper, X his mark

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State of No. Carolina Haywood County} this Day personally Appeared before me John B. Love one of the Acting Justices of the peace for said County Absolom Hooper Who being duly sworn according to law says that he was in the old Revolutionary war & that he Received thirty Continental Dollars & was promised two hundred Acres of Land at the End of the War & further maketh oath that he never Received the land which was promised nor nothing in consideration thereof.

Sworn to November 6, 1820

S/ Absolom Hooper, X his mark

Attest

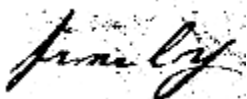
S/ John B. Love, JP

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives

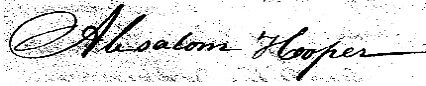
The Petition of the undersigned respectfully Represents that in the year of our Lord 1810 Daniel Bird was agent for your petitioner and sundry Others, Continental Soldiers of the line of South Carolina Petitioned your Honorable body for compensation for balances due them for services rendered during the revolution; that the respective sum of one hundred ninety-two dollars sixty-six cents was at December Session 1810 by a Joint resolution of both houses appropriated as compensation to each one of the petitioners.

That your petitioner has sent by his representatives repeatedly for the said sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars Sixty-Six Cents so appropriated but that from the informality of the order or the neglect of those by whom he sent, he has not as yet received the said sum of one hundred ninety-two dollars sixty-six cents or any part thereof that your petitioner has now become more aged and more in want [old] assistance than when the money was appropriated, his wife is now most helpless that himself nor wife have none other to look to for support then himself. Your petitioner would, respectfully refer you to a Joint resolution of both houses passed the 20th December 1810 in the Act of the General Assembly page 93 and to the affidavit of your



petitioner here with submitted as also the Comptroller General's office for the correctness of the foregoing Statements, he therefore prays that the said sum of one hundred ninety-two dollars sixty-six cents may be ordered to be paid to your petitioner forth with – annual petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Absalom Hooper



Greenville SC 23 Nov. 1825

[p 23: The following transcript is heavily edited for spelling]

October 20, 1827 State of North Carolina Haywood

This Day personally appeared before me William Parker one of acting Justices of peace in and for said County John Pucket and after being duly sworn according to law he deposeth and saith on his oath that he was acquainted with a man Living in County of Buncombe of the name of Abelsom Hooper lived on Poll Creek and that said Hooper did Draw money for his public services in old revolution war and the said Hooper let Joseph Call [could be Joseph Coll] Esquire have money and he stated that he got the money that he let him have he got for his services he also states that the said Hooper was about six feet high and that said Hooper has removed from that County and he thinks that he moved to [undeciphered word] Grinvell [Greenville?] South Carolina sworn to and subscribed this the day and date above written.

Test

S/ William Parker, JP

S/ John Pucket, X his mark

October 20, 1827 State of North Carolina Haywood

This Day personally appeared before me William Parker one of acting Justices of peace in and for said County [name obliterated] and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith on her oath that she was acquainted with a man of the name of Ablosom Hooper when she knew him [undeciphered word] he lived in South Carolina Grenvell County and then he removed from their to North Carolina Buncombe County on Poll Creek and that he was a old man about 6 feet High. Sworn to and subscribed this the day and date above written

Test

S/ William Parker, JP

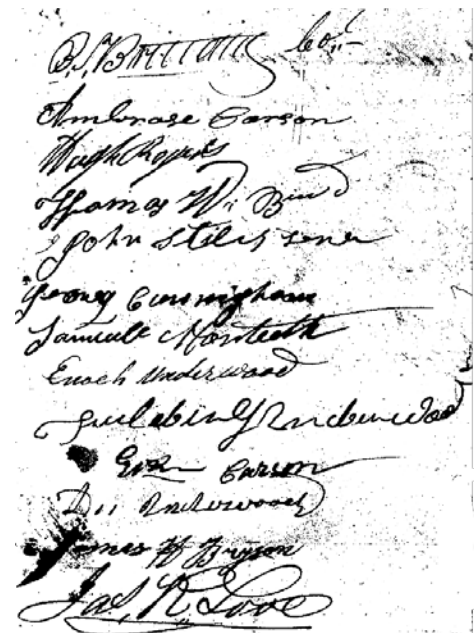
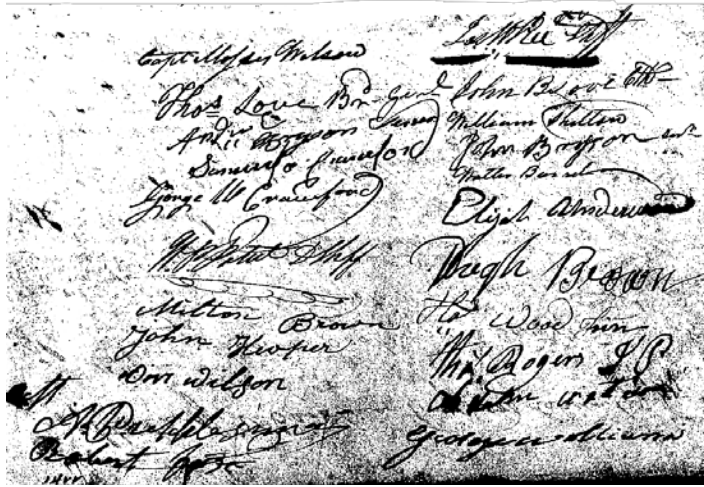
S/ [undeciphered name] Pucket, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Haywood County

Whereas Absolam Hooper of the County and State aforesaid hath Signified to us the undersigned his intention of traveling into the Lower parts of South Carolina to transact Business of importance therefore he has made Application to us to certify as to his past manner of Life for the last Sixteen or Eighteen years whilst a Citizen of said County which with Cheerfulness & pleasure we do say has been moral and exemplary as to upright Honesty, and Civil deportment for the time above set forth.

Given under our hands this 26th day of July 1828



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We the subscribers were acquainted with Absalom Hooper whilst he lived in the State of Georgia from the close of the Revolution for a long Series of years and can certify that while he lived in that State he supported the character mentioned within; and in the time of the Indian war which immediately followed the revolution in that state was a good Soldier and was much respected by the officers under whom he served this we certify from our own personal knowledge

John Ferguson, JP
and was such in the
State of Georgia at the time when Mr.
Hooper resided there
S/ H. Battle, JP

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South Carolina Richland District }

These are to certify that Absolam Hooper was a Soldier in the 6th Regiment of this State and Served his time out faithfully as a good Soldier, his term of Enlistment 3 Years was Enlisted by Captain Richard Doggett, about 5'8" high shorthair dark brown Eyes and a Sallow Complexion – he was taken prisoner at the Siege of Charleston from which time I saw him no more until last night – Given under my hand 27 November 182?⁶

S/ Jesse Baker⁷



[Note: Records indicate that the veteran was placed on the SC pension roll beginning May 30, 1825 at the rate of \$60 per annum. The last voucher for such payment is dated June 4, 1834.]

⁶ 1820

⁷ [Jesse Baker BLWt304-300](#)